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HONGKONG'S BUDGET

Deficit Expected Next Year.

WATERWORKS SCHEME.

King's Park for Recreation Grounds.

Land Boom Outlook.

His Excellency the Governor to-day delivered his annual Budget Speech to members of the Legislative Council. The main features of his statement were as follows:

Actual Credit Balance on Jan. 1st, 1923	\$12,558,642
Estimated Revenue for 1923	22,982,474
Estimated Expenditure for 1923	21,579,530
Land Sales during 1923 expected to yield	2,800,000
Estimated Revenue for 1924	21,369,934
Estimated Expenditure for 1924	24,924,667
Estimated Deficit end of 1924	3,554,733

A sum of \$14,000 is included for a Geological Survey of the Colony by officers of the University of British Columbia. \$30,000 is provided to cover the visits of foreign naval squadrons. Various Government Departments, including the P.W.D., are having their staffs strengthened.

Heavy special expenditure is proposed on the railway, including new locomotives and rolling stock.

The P.W.D. is expected to spend \$7,000,000 in 1924.

The Shing Mun Valley waterworks scheme is expected to cost \$17,000,000. It is hoped water therefrom will be brought across to Hong Kong in the spring of 1927.

There is a possibility of new wharves in the form of a wet dock being provided in which steamers can shelter during typhoon weather.

Kennedy Town Reclamation is to be started.

The Government is to lay the track for tramways in Kowloon. A lakh of dollars is provided for laying out King's Park for recreation purposes.

A new Lunatic Asylum is to be built, and the Small Pox Hospital is to be removed to another site.

His Excellency expects the land boom to decline during the coming year.

There is prospect of an early solution of the Military Lands question.

In the course of his speech, His Excellency stated that he felt sure members of the Council would agree with him that the Estimates "disclose a most satisfactory condition in the finances of the Colony." After the first half of 1922 it was estimated that the year 1923 would open with a credit balance of \$7,531,753, whereas the actual figure is now shown as \$12,558,642. The increase was partly accounted for by the fact that expenditure was less by some one million dollars than was anticipated, whilst revenue from opium stamp duties and land sales was underestimated rather more than one million. Revenue for this year is expected to exceed the original estimate by over \$4,400,000, the revised estimate being \$22,982,474. The original estimate for this year's expenditure was \$22,583,635; the revised estimate is \$21,579,530, the decrease being due to the inability of the P.W.D. to spend all the money allotted to it for public works extraordinary. For 1924, the revenue is estimated to amount to \$21,369,934, and the expenditure to \$24,924,667, being an increase of over two millions on the original estimate for this year, and three millions over the revised estimate.

His Excellency then went on to refer to the votes for the various Departments, and in connection with Miscellaneous Services mentioned that \$300,000 had been inserted for the Hong Kong section of the British Empire Exhibition, being the balance of the amount promised by the Government, and further stated that a sum of \$20,000 had been included to cover the cost of possible visits to the Colony by foreign squadrons. He also drew attention to a vote of \$14,000 for a geological survey of the Colony, to be undertaken by officers of the University of British Columbia.

POLICE AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS.

His Excellency, after referring to the proposed appointment of an additional Law Officer, stated that in the Police Department the effective strength has been fixed at 220 European officers,

for the appointment of an electrical engineer with wireless experience to take charge of all Government electrical and wireless work.

THE RAILWAY.

Dealing at length with the railway, His Excellency said that special expenditure would be necessary for new locomotives and rolling stock. This would be heavy, but he feared that it could not be avoided. "The railway has great potentialities, and, if given a fair chance, it would undoubtedly pay its way and bring in a growing margin of profit in addition. The disturbances in South China have for the time being practically put an end to through traffic, but this state of affairs cannot last for ever, and it is necessary for the line to be in a position to deal efficiently with the traffic which must come to it with the restoration of order."

PUBLIC WORKS.

Referring to the programme of Public Works Extraordinary, His Excellency said it had never been possible in the past to expend the full amount voted in respect of every work in the programme. In framing the present Estimates, the Government had taken a different line. It is estimated that it will be possible for the P.W.D. to spend approximately seven million dollars. All items in respect of which there was a reasonable certainty of work being done were adequately provided for.

His Excellency then went on to refer to the more important works which it was proposed to undertake next year. These include participation in the Kowloon Tong scheme; a new learning in Canton for Cadets; learning Chinese; reconstruction of the main building of Victoria Hospital; and the removal of the Infectious Diseases Hospital to a site on Victoria Road. There will also be extensions built at the Government Civil Hospital.

ROADS AND HARBOUR.

The programme of roads had been drawn up largely on the advice of the Town Planning Committee. It includes a motor road starting from the police married quarters in Caine Road, and running up to Hatton Road, and eventually to the Peak. Steps are being taken to remove forthwith the hill which blocks the junctions of Nathan and Coronation Roads at Kowloon. A new thoroughfare will be made giving a direct route to Ho Mun Tin and the Kowloon Hospital. A road will be provided to take the place of the light railway from Fanling to Sha Tau Kok.

In a reference to the harbour development scheme, His Excellency mentioned the possibility of laying out new wharves in the form of a wet dock in which large steamers could shelter during typhoon weather. In this regard, no decision had yet been come to as to the work which will be undertaken or as to the method by which it will be financed. The Government is also considering removing the main Chinese cemeteries to an adjacent island. The Kennedy Town reclamation should shortly be put in hand. For this purpose a nominal sum has been provided, and it is the intention to let the work out to private enterprise.

KOWLOON MATTERS.

Ten thousand dollars are provided in respect of the laying of tramways in Kowloon, the Government to lay the track and the trams to be run by private enterprise.

A lakh of dollars has been set aside for the laying out of practically the whole of King's Park, Kowloon, for recreation purposes. Additional playing grounds are urgently needed, and now that the rifle range has been closed it will be possible to go on with this work. Large areas further afield have been definitely set aside for future playing grounds.

The Government has undertaken to complete the Kowloon City reclamation scheme and proposes to hold the unsold land as security for full reimbursement of money expended.

Money has been provided for the commencement of a new Lunatic Asylum for which alternative sites are being considered—one near Kowloon City and one on the hill immediately above the tanks of the Standard Oil Co. at Laikot.

On the advice of the Town Planning Committee, it is proposed to establish new junk building and repairing yards beyond the glass works near Kowloon City. This industry has been mainly carried on along the foreshore at Cheungshawan, from which it has been driven out by reclamation work.

WATERWORKS SCHEME.

His Excellency spoke at considerable length on the new Shing Mun Valley waterworks scheme, saying it was proposed to dam the Shing Mun River and to tap the eastern and southern slopes of Taimoshan. The scheme includes 13 square miles of catchment area. It is proposed eventually to build nine reservoirs having an aggregate capacity of 4,500 million gallons. The water will be conveyed through the Kowloon hills by conduit and tunnels. It will then be brought down from the filtered water reservoir by 24-inch trunk mains which will be laid in the bed of the harbour from Kowloon Point and which will discharge into a service reservoir which will probably be built under the Public Gardens in Hong Kong. It is hoped that it will be possible to bring the first water to Hong Kong in the spring of 1927. No accurate estimate of cost for the complete scheme can be given but it is thought this will at least be seventeen million dollars. In this connection, His Excellency said: "Whatever the sum may prove to be, I am sure that Honorable Members will agree that no price is too big to pay for the assurance of a really adequate water supply for many years to come."

THE BEST POLICY.

Reverting to the financial situation as a whole, His Excellency said that if the estimates of revenue are not exceeded and if the P.W.D. are able to expend the full amount voted, we may expect to end the year 1924 with a deficit of some 3½ million dollars. "Our balances are ample to meet any possible call upon them," he said, "and the longer I live in this Colony the more firmly am I convinced of the wisdom of the policy of expending on works of development as large sums as can be adequately employed during the year."

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

His Excellency said it was extremely difficult in present circumstances to estimate revenue with any approach to accuracy, since so large a proportion of it is derived from two sources, opium and land sales, and the probabilities of revenue from these sources depend to a very great extent on circumstances outside our control. Referring to the point that the Colony must make up its mind to lose eventually any income from opium, he said the Government had taken steps for the gradual substitution of other sources of revenue by broadening the basis of taxation and increasing taxation in various directions, as, for instance, by the introduction of a tax on tobacco and the imposition of new and higher stamp duties. The result was that during the last year or two the Colony's revenue had exceeded its immediate needs, and although Hong Kong was probably as lightly taxed as any place in the world we are to-day in a position in which we could face the loss of all revenue from opium without becoming involved in serious financial difficulties.

"The questions at once arise of when we may expect revenue from this source to cease and why we do not, since we can afford to do so, disperse with it at once by closing down the opium department. The answer to both these questions is the same. It depends upon China. We could abolish our opium monopoly at once and prohibit the use of opium, but we could not under present conditions stop opium smoking. If the legitimate supply were withdrawn it was certain that illicit supplies would take its place. We might perhaps be able to deal effectually with opium from India and Persia, especially if the efforts of the League of Nations are

HOUSING PROBLEMS.

The Commission's Proposals.

SWEEPING REFORMS.

Better Transport & Rent Control.

Cheaper Houses Urged.

Among the papers laid on the table at the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon was the report of the Housing Commission (the Hon. Mr. H.E. Pollock, K.C., and Messrs R.H. Kotewall and W.S. Bailey) appointed by H.E. the Governor last April.

The report runs to twenty-two pages, and we are compelled to condense it considerably owing to space restrictions. The Commission open by stating that they do not deal with office accommodation, which was not within the terms of reference, and the time the report has taken to appear is due to the gravity and difficulty of their task and the undesirability of arriving at hasty decisions. In addition to the perusal of various documents on the subject, the Commission obtained interviews with four persons employed in H. M. Naval Yard, with Mr. Lam Woo, the contractor, the late Mr. J. W. White of the Building Office, Mr. L. C. Parker Rees, Supt. of Crown Lands, Mr. H. T. Jackman, then Ag. D.P.W., Mr. L. G. Bird of Messrs Palmer and Turner, Father Robert, Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, Mr. Fred Ellis, and Mr. H. W. Cowling, a concrete structure expert on a visit from Bombay.

The chairman of the Commission also did a great deal towards giving expert advice to tenants giving notice to quit under the Rents Ordinance, including notice owing to demolition or reconstruction of premises.

Under the head "Measures for Increasing the Quantity of Housing Accommodation the Commission states:—

"We regard it as imperative for the Government to speed up the work of laying out, making and draining extensive areas for building, especially in the Kowloon Peninsula, which presents a vast and promising field for building development; but it is absolutely impossible for this recommendation of ours to be speedily and efficiently carried out, without a considerable increase of staff in the Survey Office. We commend to the consideration of the Government the desirability of expediting the completion of the Praya East Reclamation by making extra payments to the contractors, such payments to be debited to the Praya East Reclamation Fund, and to be divided in proportion to the areas of the respective holdings of the marine lot-holders concerned. We also recommend that the Government bring every possible pressure to bear on the proper Authorities to expedite the removal of the Military from the central and already levelled and drained sites in the heart of the City of Victoria and of the Kowloon Peninsula. These sites, which occupy some hundreds of acres, are vital to the residential and commercial expansion of the Colony."

IMPROVED TRANSPORT.

They urge the completion of the road from Wongneichong Gap to Repulse Bay; pushing on with the projected motor roads in the Kowloon Peninsula; construction as soon as possible of a tramway from Stone Nullah Lane to Wanchai Gap to open up the Mt. Cameron district; tram services in Kowloon; extension of motor-bus services in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories; improved ferry services to both sides of Kowloon Peninsula and Cheungshan; and, if possible, reduced ferry fares.

CONNECTIONS OF SALE.

The Commissioners state further on: "The conditions which we recommend should be inserted in the conditions of sale of all (Crown) land sold without auction (apart from special cases referred to) are as follows:—

(1) That, to prevent speculation in building sites, the purchaser of the lot must covenant to perform the building covenant himself; (2) That failure to carry out punctually such covenant shall in every case, except where a good excuse is shown to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, involve forfeiture of the land, and re-entry thereon by the Government, without payment of compensation; (3) That such original purchaser shall have no power to resell or alienate in any way until after the expiration of 7 years from the date when the buildings to be erected on the lot have been completed and let for occupation; (4) That the rental to be charged by the original purchaser of the land to the tenant shall not be greater than will return to such purchaser a net 8% on his capital outlay."

Concerning special building schemes and loans they state: "We consider it desirable, in addition to granting land cheap, for the Government, in some cases, to afford financial assistance, by loans at 5% to applicants for erecting houses for the accommodation of the following classes of persons:—British residents of moderate means; Portuguese and Indian residents of moderate means; Chinese permanent residents of moderate means; and the Chinese working classes. Such assistance should be subject to a restriction against resale or alienation in any way for a term of 15 years, and subject to the restriction that

TOKYO 'QUAKE.

SEVERE SHOCK THIS MORNING.

Tokyo, October 4.

There was a very severe earthquake here this morning at 12.54, driving residents from their houses and cutting off the electric light.

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the rent to be charged during that period is to give a net return not exceeding 8% on the capital outlay."

They emphasise:—"After careful enquiries we are satisfied that the staff of the Survey Office and Buildings Office of the Public Works Department is totally inadequate to cope with the heavy work it has to perform."

For decreasing the cost of housing accommodation the Commission recommends standard types of houses and standardisation of fixtures and fittings for houses.

As regards labour disputes they state:—"We strongly urge the Government, in the interests of all branches of trade in this Colony, to pass a law for the reference to a strong and independent tribunal, with one representative of the employers and one representative of the workmen as assessors, of all disputes in this Colony relating to wages to be paid to workmen, hours of employment and holidays."

RENT RESTRICTION AND DEMOLITION.

The Commissioners state, further:—"In addition to our recommendations for the restriction of rents by conditions of sale, we are clearly of the opinion that the Rents Ordinance should be continued until such time as the supply of houses meets the demand, and until the state of affairs in the neighbouring Provinces of China is sufficiently settled to put an end to the periodical large influxes of Chinese refugees from China to Hong Kong."

Also:—"We consider that the Government should forbid by legislation the demolition and reconstruction of houses which are stated by the Building Authority to be in either good or fair condition, because we consider it both inequitable and unjust to the tenants for the Government to allow their eviction from premises which are in good or fair condition, and because also of the following reasons:—(1) Such eviction of tenants throws an extra demand on such premises as may be vacant, with the result that the tenant in many cases is forced to pay a larger rent for his accommodation; and (2) Such reconstruction must tend, by competition for skilled labour and building materials, to increase the cost of erecting new buildings upon land which has not been previously built upon."

The Commission also favour reservations for all sections of the community, and declare, *inter alia*:—"We feel that such reservations are more especially necessary in Kowloon economic grounds, having regard to the fact that the British residents in the Peninsula are, generally speaking, less able to pay a high rent than those who live in the Hill District."

In the concluding portion of their report the Commissioners state:—"We regard it as the duty of the Government to deal vigorously and at once with the present housing shortage."

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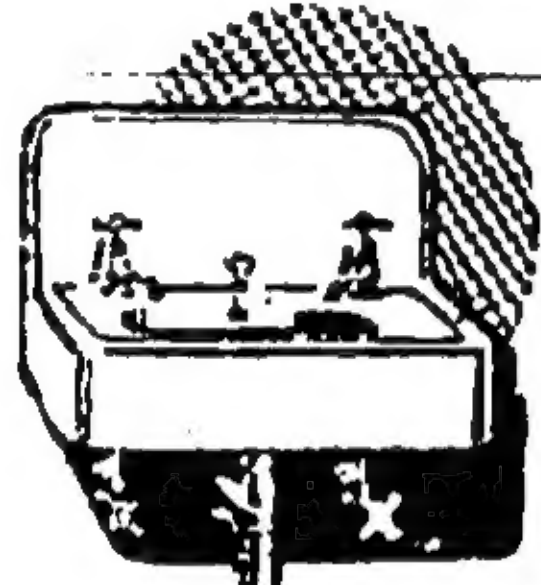
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SITUATION IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Oct. 3.

An official statement is regards the Kuestrin affair states that many youths in the districts around Berlin last week volunteered to join the Reichswehr.

Their motives were, however, suspected and warnings were issued threatening vigorous steps against agitators. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the leader of the movement.

Ex-Major Buchdrucker, when he saw his plans frustrated, concentrated his supporters, who concealed themselves during the night of the 1st inst. in the old and forlorn works at Kuestrin. Buchdrucker later ordered occupation of the principal points of the town and attempted to negotiate with Colonel Judorius, who immediately ordered the arrest of Buchdrucker and his escort. The troops were mobilized and the rebels shut up in a courtyard. One of the soldiers was killed two wounded and three slightly injured. The besieged (numbering 381 including 13 leaders) surrendered. The relieving body of thirty men were also captured and a further two hundred arrested at Duberitz. The opinion is ventured that the movement was nipped in the bud.

London, October 3.

The action of Chancellor Stresemann's own party namely the German Peoples Party, in submitting demands to the Chancellor has resulted in the political situation becoming considerably worse during the past few hours. The party whose leader is Herr Scholz objects to the presence of socialist members in the government and has requested the Chancellor to reshuffle the cabinet and to include representatives from the German National Party; also to alter the eight hour day law. Herr Scholz has threatened to put on the screws if his demands are rejected by opposing the Cabinet's bill which seeks full powers in economic financial matters without Reichstag sanction. This social democrats oppose any interference with the eight hour day, and the duty of German Nationals into the government. The German Nationals anyhow have issued a statement that they will not participate in any revolutionary movement.

Minister of Economics, Herr Raumer, has resigned from the Cabinet which was still sitting at one this morning, when the reported outlook seemed a little less dark. In the meantime the Reichstag meeting fixed for last evening was not held.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

London, October 3.

Replying to Sir Philip Lloyd Greame's speech at the economic conference Mr. Innes laid stress on India's almost limitless potentialities as a market. General Smuts contended that Britain was able to give the Dominions such additional preference on a number of articles as to assist tremendously in developing the Empire's resources without departing from her settled fiscal policy of not taxing foodstuffs and essential raw materials. He intimated the willingness of South Africa to reshape her policy in order to make the preference mutually beneficial, and urged the importance of developing the African continent which was capable of producing practically all the raw materials Britain needed. Mr. Mackenzie King advocated the removal of government control of industry as far as possible to enable the movement of men and money throughout the Empire. Mr. Massey emphasised that migration and preference went together and that there were many overseas countries not merely Dominions but Crown Colonies with the sparsest European population, producing the smallest, compared with what they ought to produce. Mr. Massey insisted on greater preference to encourage production.

Mr. Ormsby Gore on behalf of the colonies and protectorates pointed out that this was the first time they had been represented. In the course of a summary of facts impressing their importance he showed that their population exceeded fifty millions. He dwelt on their enormous potentialities as sources of supply of raw materials and as markets for imports. He declared that Britain was specially alive to the need of becoming less dependent on America for cotton, sugar and tobacco, and mentioned as an example of the great diversion of Empire products that hardly an ounce of copra from Samoa was shipped by British, practically all being bought by Hamburg and utilised by Germany.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Peking, Oct. 3.

On the application of a shareholder of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, the examining magistrate has opened an enquiry into charges against MM. Pernot, Andre Berthelot, Konli and Borel, ex-officials of the Bank for having "entered into a financial operation for their own benefit." The interested parties have been informed of the allegations.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.

All churches in Canada, in the request of the Canadian Red Cross, will make special reference to and an appeal for funds for the Japanese earthquake calamity on the two coming Sundays.

THE TIN-PLATE MARKET.

London, Oct. 3.

As the result of further orders for tinplates sheets for Japan and the Far East to Swansea, most makers are booked to 31st December and some until Easter.

LOCAL WEDDING.

FERGUSON-SOUTER.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Elfrida Souter, daughter of Mrs. Dunn, of 1 St. John's Place, and Mr. Joseph Chalquie Gillon Ferguson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Many friends attended to witness the interesting ceremony, including a number of the bridegroom's colleagues from the Bank. Rev. H. Copley Mayhew, the Cathedral chaplain, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of her step-father, Mr. James Dunn, by whom she was given away, was charmingly attired in a dress of white champagne embroidered with silver beads, the train finished off with Chantilly lace. She wore a veil of illusion tulle and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses and Hothouse creeper. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Mary Dunn and Elsie Syme-Thompson and by Master James Dunn and Peter Cassidy as page-boys. The bride-maids were daintily dressed in pale pink tulle trimmed with white blue-georgette and pale blue and pink lace-trimmed hats. They carried bouquets of pink roses. The page-boys wore suits of pale blue tulle.

Mrs. Dunn, the bride's mother, was dressed in mole grey champagne, trimmed with brick georgette, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of flame-coloured flowers to tone with dress.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. F. G. Walker, a colleague at the Bank, who discharged the duties of best man.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a largely attended reception was held at No. 2 St. John's Place, kindly loaned for the occasion by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, where the happy couple were the recipients of the congratulations of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillon Ferguson leave today by the Empress of Russia for North China, where the honeymoon will be spent.

CHINA'S FINANCES.

COST OF LOANS INCREASES.

Peking, Oct. 3.—Reuters learns that the net Chinese customs revenue for the first nine months of this year amount to only about 3,300,000 Shanghai Taels over last years net collection during the same period, while the cost of foreign loans and indemnity charged against this revenue for the first nine months of this year is 6,000,000 more than it was for the corresponding period last year. The cost of foreign loans and indemnity has risen owing to firstly the fall in exchange, secondly to the large sums required to meet in gold the Boxer Indemnity payments, and thirdly to the fact that the instalments for the redemption of the 1913 reorganisation loan fell due from July of this year.

CRICKET.

TAIKOO VS. WAYFOONG.

To be played on the Club ground on Saturday, 6th. October, at 2 p.m.

Taikoo.—R. L. Chaloner, B. Crowley, A. V. T. Deno, N. R. Dick, E. G. England, A. L. Gace, H. Grindin, E. C. Hagen, John Kaye, D. L. Ralph and H. Spicer.

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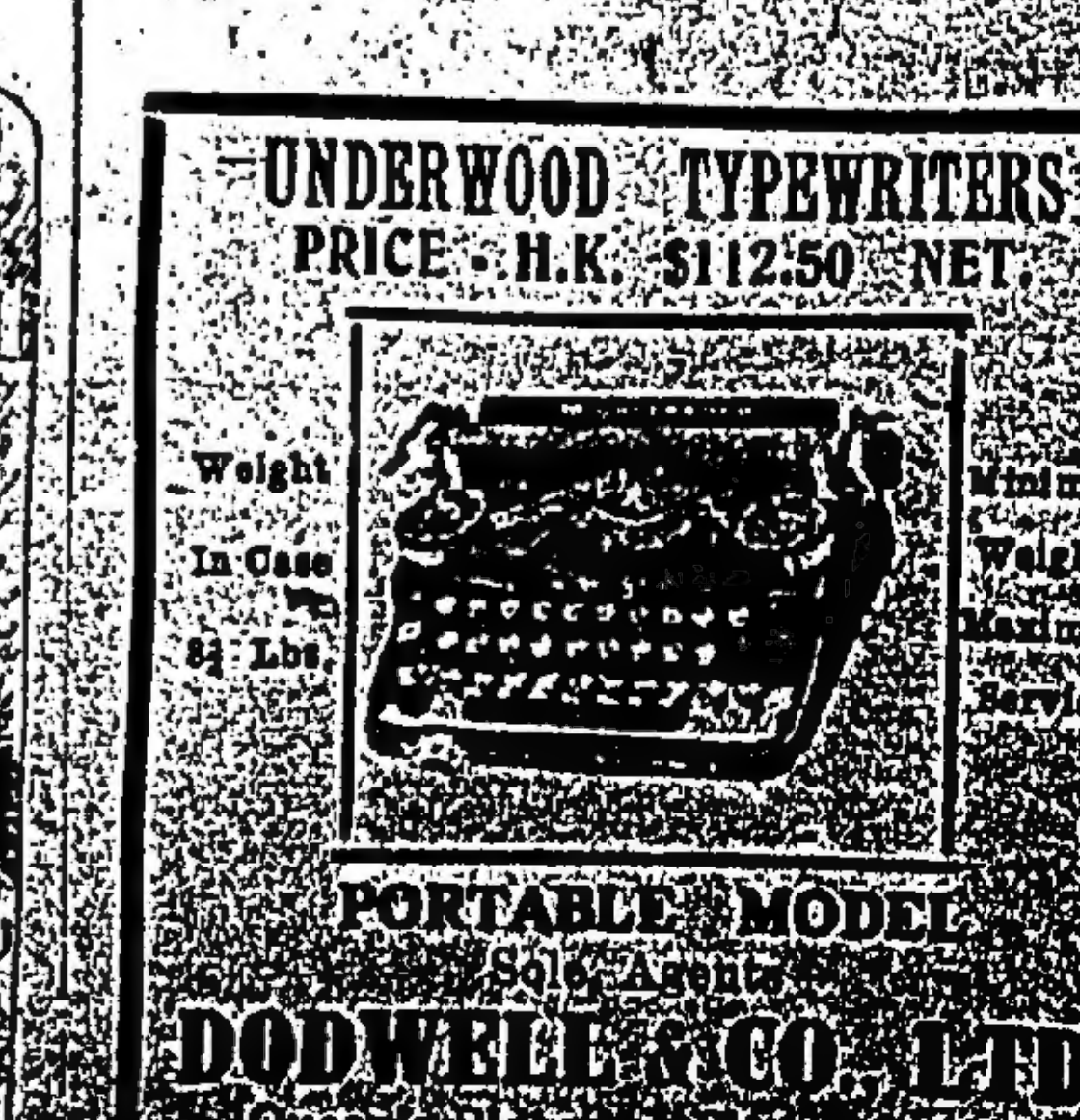
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The Director of Education (Hon. Mr. B. H. Irving) presided at the monthly meeting of the Board of Education held in the Sanitary Board room yesterday afternoon. There were also present Rev. T. W. Pearce, Rev. A. D. Stewart, Mr. B. Wyllie, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. U. Ramjaha, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (acting Inspector of Vernacular Schools), and Mr. Y. P. Law (Secretary).

The Director of Education remarked that the Board would be interested to hear that the Government had made a grant of a piece of land above the Union Church to the St. Paul's Girls' School. He understood it was proposed to put up a big building. When it was completed it would greatly relieve the Chinese girls schools and the Beilios School, which had been overflowing for many years. He was very pleased to be able to report this new development.

The Director of Education, also reported that the Government had approved the building of a new school at Cheung Chau. The matter had been under consideration for some time and provision would be made in next year's estimates.

Mr. Wyllie wanted to know what was being done with the view to obtaining the additional teachers for British schools provided for in the estimates. He said that according to the estimates they ought to commence next year with 22 assistant masters. He was given to understand that out of the 24 they already had in, which left eight new masters still to be appointed. In regard to mistresses he believed the establishment at the beginning of next year provided for 32, of whom 21 were at present on the staff, leaving a deficit of eleven. Mr. Wyllie asked whether the Director of Education had any knowledge of the appointment of these eight masters and eleven mistresses and whether they might be expected before the new year.

The Director of Education replied that he had not received formal notice of the question, though Mr. Wyllie had informed him that he intended to put it. The facts were as stated by Mr. Wyllie. Although the establishment at present was considerably over the estimate for this year, owing to the big increase provided in the estimates for 1924 the number of masters and mistresses was at present considerably under establishment. He hoped that the situation would be greatly improved before the end of the year. Several teachers had arrived quite recently and he hoped there were more to follow. He knew that one was expected.

Mr. Wyllie: May I ask who chooses the teachers who are sent out?

The Director of Education: The Colonial Office. The Colonial Office consults various bodies, but they are the people who sign the contracts with the teachers.

Mr. Wyllie: Then I take it the Colonial Office is aware of the type of teacher we require?

The Director of Education: Yes.

Mr. Wyllie said that that being so he would like to draw attention to the fact that quite recently a kindergarten mistress had been appointed to one of the British schools of the Colony. From what he understood she was trained to teach the Montessori system, which was a system not taught in the Colony. In the schools here the Froebel system was taught. There was, he believed, a vast difference between the two systems. He wanted it to be understood that he had no objection to the Montessori system nor to the teacher in question, but it seemed to him that if the Colonial Office had known exactly their requirements the teacher would never have been sent out. They did not want round pegs in square holes. Mr. Wyllie wanted to know whether the Director of Education could give the Board some information upon the subject.

The Director of Education: I think I must ask for notice of that question and I will deal with it at the next meeting. I am not prepared to admit the facts are exactly as stated.

ZOROASTRIANISM.

LECTURE AT THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. David Gubray, in the course of a lecture on Zoroastrianism at the Theosophical Society's weekly meeting yesterday, said:

The doctrine and the teachings of Zoroaster were greatly misunderstood by the Westerners until such eminent authors as Darmstadter, Haug, Müller and Professor Jackson and others gave a lucid explanation of the Gathas or Hymns embodying the fundamental principles of Zoroaster's doctrine. The moral and spiritual teachings are akin to the morals and the ethics of the other great religions of the world. The idea that the followers of Zoroaster are fire worshippers is wholly a mistaken one. The followers of Zoroaster face the sun and picture to themselves in the physical fire the hidden Light of Light, the source of all life, to which they give the name of Ormazd.

Iranians and Hindus were once a united branch of the Aryan family who lived together after their separation from the other Aryan races, until their final separation from each other, when the one branch turned to India and the other to Iran Persia. It was the struggle for life was very keen, resulting in the forming of a robust nation, and the influence of its environment produced a civilization which dominated the greater part of Persia and Asia Minor. Zoroaster was the prophet who came to this nation, but Zoroastrianism is today professed only by the Parsees in India and by a small community in Persia. Zoroastrianism merits study because of the intrinsic nobility of the Prophet's teaching and of the influence which some scholars consider it has had on other religions. No religion with which we have to deal is so hard to describe in brief and simple terms.

Birth and Early Years.

Zoroaster is pronounced by the Greeks Zoroastropur, but according to the Avesta it is Zarathustra and in the present day it is pronounced by the Parsees as Zarthost, as Mr. H. H. Mistral says in his publication of Zoroaster and Zoroastrianism. Haug derives it from Zarta (old) and Oshun (the best), which means "the head of the religion." His family name was Spitama. The family name of the Prophet's birth and early life is uncertain. Some authors say that he was born in Western Iran, but according to the Avesta his home was Aryan veil, which is believed by between Mr. Cowgus in the West and Mr. Albinus in the East, but most agree that he was born at Rai, which was in Media. He succeeded in establishing his teachings in Balkh, Bactria and for the reason he was called the Bactrian Prophet. The date of the Prophet's birth is uncertain. The Greek and Latin writers assign him to dim antiquity and others to 600, 500 B. C., and it is asserted that Zoroaster simply brought to definite form the religious idea of his race. Every religion that has a high moral purpose has had some great teacher to lay the foundations of that morality. Hence the importance of Moses, Buddha, Jesus, Confucius and Mohamed in their respective faiths. Very little is known of the religion which Zoroaster sought to reform: all that we know is that it contained the elements common to the Avesta and Rigveda, which go back to the time before the Iran and Indians separated.

One God.

Zoroaster proclaimed that there was one God alone who was Holy and Almighty and that for every man there is a supreme necessity to choose between Truth and Falsehood. Zoroaster for himself had chosen Truth and found in his choice his mission. There is not the slightest doubt that Zoroaster proclaimed the unity of God when he taught his followers that "the great God is Ahura Mazda, the God of Wisdom. He is the first and the last." In accordance with Zoroaster's doctrine, Ahura Mazda is of eternal and spiritual nature, and through his six attributes—Law and Order, Perfect Holiness, Sovereignty, Immortality, Well-being—He makes Himself known to man. To Zoroaster Ahura Mazda was the sole and Supreme God; but that the work of His Holy Spirit might be checked by the hosts whose head is Agra Mainya (Ahriman) and defeated by the works of these evil spirits. Therefore it was the duty of man to fight with Ahura against Ahriman, by living a pure and holy life and thus overcome evil. This explains the dualism in the religion of Zoroaster and his teaching about evil.

He taught that "if immortality shall be the soul of the righteous joyful and the faithful look forward eagerly to the coming of the kingdom when God shall indicate (his righteous). These are the main points upon which the religion of Zoroaster rests. As Professor Leasing says: His religion was one of pure reason, thus pointing to his people that virtue had its own reward and vice its own punishment.

I need not go further to explain as those who are interested in Zoroastrianism will find full explanations in the sacred writings of Zoroaster which are called the Zend Avesta. According to Dastur Jamaspji Zand means knowledge and therefore Zand Avesta means the knowledge of the religion of God. It contains the religious laws of the Parsees. Rev. Dr. I. H. Mills says that the Zend Avesta should be revered and studied by all who value the records of the human race.

At the time when magic, sorcery and worship of many gods were in full practice, Zoroaster came as the chosen prophet to correct the wicked and guide them back to the path of righteousness.

Like the other prophets Zoroaster tried his very best to abolish the belief in many gods and idolatry and to restore the ancient faith and to present it in a loftier and more intellectual form.

Zoroaster's Death.

It was at the Court of the Persian King, Vistasp who ruled over Persia seven or eight centuries B. C. that Zoroaster proclaimed his teachings and then proceeded towards Balkh, the Capital of Gushasp, and carried with him his divine mission. Zoroaster claimed that he was the Prophet of Ahura, Mazda and sent by Him to instruct the world to believe in Him as the Creator, and to follow the righteous path, the only path liked by Him. A period of war followed the adoption by Gushasp of the new religion and it was during one of the invasions that Zoroaster was stabbed by a Turanian chief in the sacred temple when the prophet was at prayer. Thus died Zoroaster at the age of 77 years, a noble and fearless man carrying the torch of light to enlighten the inhabitants of his environment.

The following description may elucidate some problems which have been a puzzle to the foreigner. The Fire and the Sun, to the Zoroastrian, are only symbols of God the invisible, the omnipotent and the omnipresent. These symbols play a very important part in Zoroastrianism. Fire has never been considered by the followers of Zoroaster as God. It is only looked on as the purest of the creation of God. It is therefore taken up as a symbol of Ahura Mazda for its brightness and purity to remind them of the brightness and purity of the Creator.

Charity and industry are considered to be the essential qualifications towards righteousness. The Zoroastrian scriptures enjoin upon parents that their children should be taught by them the elements of their religion and the principles of morality. If they are not carried out by the father and mother, the sin that has been committed will be fixed on their necks.

In conclusion let me say that Zoroastrians are no fire worshippers. They worship the one God as the Christians, Muslims and the Hebrews do, and are taught that good thoughts, good words and good deeds should be recognized as essential to all sanctity, and this is the all and end of Zoroastrianism.

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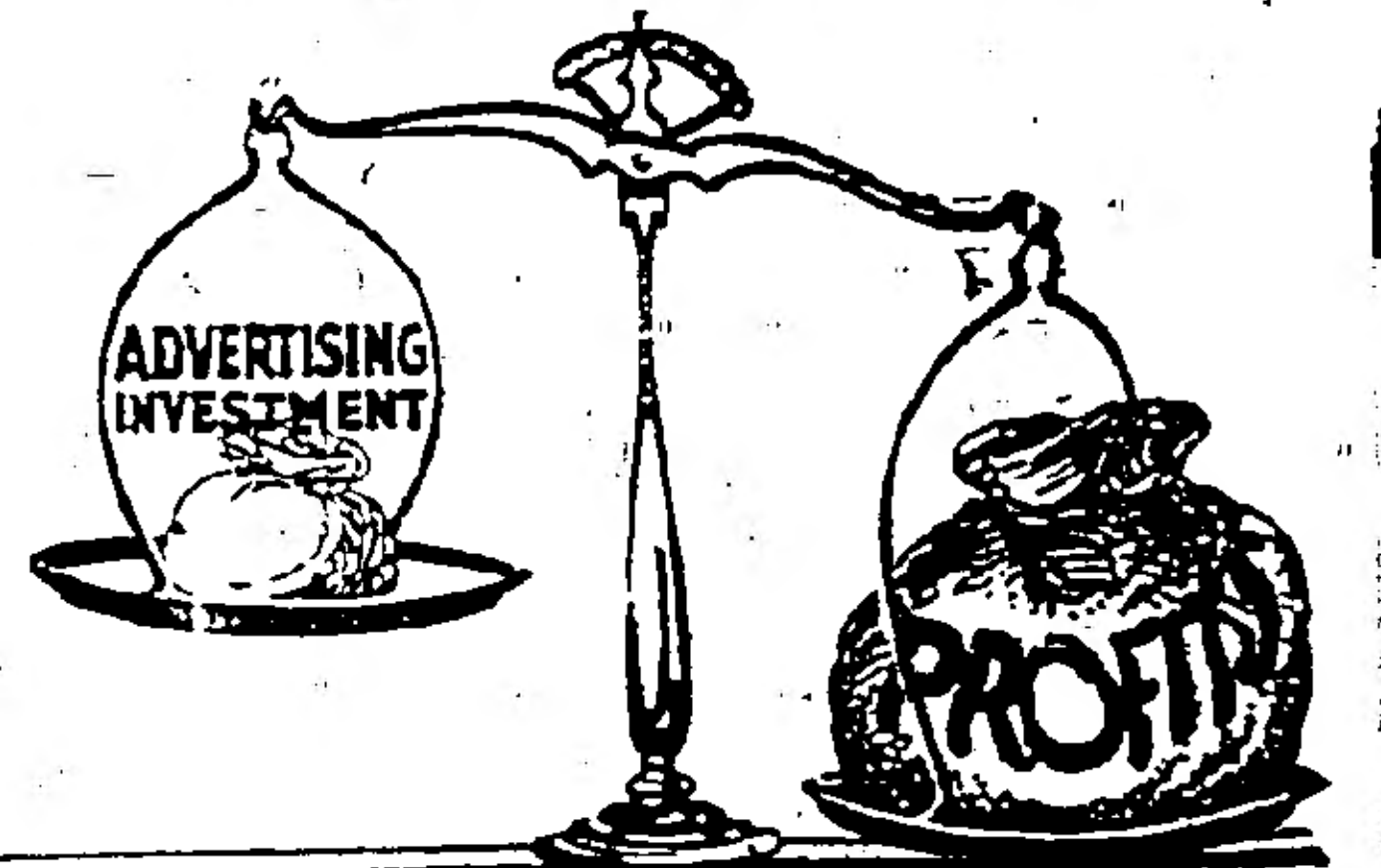
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The Bad Effect On Natives.

A special correspondent, in a contribution to The Times, points out that there has recently arisen a good deal of dissatisfaction among British residents in our possessions in the East on account of the unsuitable nature of many of the films that are being shown in cinemas frequented by the native population. The dangers of showing unsuitable films to natives have long been realised, but it is striking that there should still be so much room for complaint when all over the world the standard of film production has been rising. In India the native lover seems

to grow up mentally, and the average audience at these picture theatres is therefore composed of those who are mature in body and very immature indeed in mind. To them are exhibited "sex" films made in American studios, and films in which violence is the main theme. With these may be sandwiched a comic film showing a white man carrying out a series of ridiculous antics. The result is inevitable, and a little while ago there was definite proof that the abduction by natives of an officer's wife was suggested by a serial film in which scenes of violence occurred. Many films to the English are merely ridiculous; to the native they may be very harmful indeed. Film distributors do not realise that a film may be tolerable in one country and quite unsuitable in another. It has been pointed

out that there was the need for a kind of Film League of Nations. Unsuitable films might be kept out of the East altogether. It must be admitted that many are probably dispatched through ignorance. It is difficult to realise that what may be a perfectly unobjectionable film in New York can be very harmful in India. In a letter called forth by this article, Mr. B. Chamier gives the views of a lady living in Uganda as to the objection to representations in uncivilised countries. Mr. Chamier thinks the films produced for the use of schools are the kind which ought to be exported to savage countries (or countries of an alien civilisation like India), where they would probably not only be a civilising factor, but give a great deal of legitimate pleasure.

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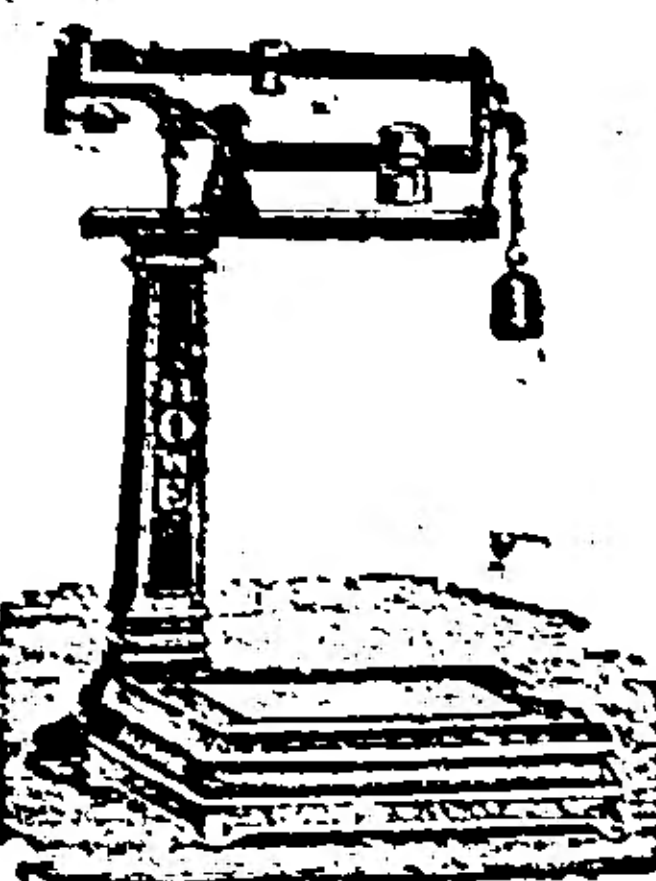
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THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

It is interesting to learn, via Shanghai, of a scheme that Sir Robert Ho Tung is about to put forward for the use of Britain's balance of the Chinese Boxer Indemnity. The general idea, suggested in a high quarter originally and adhered to, more or less, by subsequent commentators in their specific suggestions, was that this money should be expended on education the British education of Chinese. The main idea has always been, naturally enough, that the expenditure should benefit British interests to a certain extent; so apparently the educational scheme has as its basis the hope that it will result in an increased leaning towards things British in China and consequently improved commerce for the United Kingdom manufacturers. There are, of course, various other ways in which China can be benefited through a remission of the Boxer Indemnity, and not very long ago we commented on the scheme suggested by a Northern Chinese for the use of a large portion of the available funds in the development and maintenance of first-class roadways in China, by which expansion of the trade of the country, and facilities for bringing about peace and maintaining law and order, would be provided.

Sir Robert's idea is entirely different, and is that the balance of the fund be used for the completion of the Canton-Hankow railway. We published, yesterday, the interview he granted a Northern paper on the subject. On perusing the outline of the proposed scheme, one is immediately struck with its possibilities. It would mean development of commerce by rail, with eventual linking up of Hongkong and Hankow overland. The idea of a sinking fund, by which repayment of capital can be achieved, and the provision of educational needs out of the profits is a good one. When Sir Robert was questioned about putting the brake on educational development as originally planned, he had an excellent reply ready.

As he pointed out, one must "hasten slowly" in such matters. To throw on the labour market, almost in a bunch, a large number of qualified men who would have to compete for the few openings available, would be to invite chaos. It is absurd to think that the mere turning out of trained men, like turning out sausages from a machine, is the aim and final duty of an educational system: there must be provision for absorption, without any large surplus to cause disorganisation. Already, there is the problem of the unemployed trained professional man. We do not want this problem made a bigger one still. On the whole, Sir Robert's suggestion is as good as any other we have yet heard of; it should assist British trade to a fair extent, and be of benefit in other ways; and all it requires to make it a success is orderly government of the provinces through which the line would run. That, of course, is for others to see to.

Radio.

Singapore has followed Hongkong's example by forming a Radio Society, and we join in wishing the new organisation every success. We notice that the Government is to be asked to give facilities to members to carry out experiments. Here in Hongkong matters are somewhat held up on account of the fact that the Government is not inclined to grant full facilities until advice has been received from Home on the matter. That is quite an understandable attitude, as we want to avoid the making of mistakes which might easily lead to confusion. We trust, however, that the matter will not be indefinitely shelved. In the meantime, there is a local Committee studying the whole question, and before long its recommendations should be made known. One thing we are pleased to note is that the Government here is not putting any obstacles in the way of those who wish to carry out experiments. Provided, of course, there is no interference with the commercial and naval stations. We are beginning to wonder, however, what the Radio Society is doing for its members. So far as we can learn, as yet its efforts have been confined to one series of addresses. Rumours reach us of the Society having even attempted to stop those who, with Government permission, are experimenting on broadcasting. That, we cannot help thinking, is a very foolish and shortsighted policy. The Society should encourage such developments rather than otherwise. In any case, we cannot see what direct interest the Society has in broadcasting. It ought to be content to leave that side of radio work to others who can afford to carry it out. The functions of a Radio Society do not usually include broadcasting. Others can do that, and the sole interest of the Society should be to see that its members get an opportunity of hearing what is being sent out. At any rate, it is distinctly anomalous for a Radio Society to endeavour to prevent wireless experiments.

Arms Possession.

From enquiries which we have made it is evident that there have been a great many revolvers and other weapons in the possession of Hongkong people who have had no permit to keep them. In compliance with the request that such arms should be delivered up to the police, there has been quite a big response. The explanation given in some cases was that the owners were deceased or had left the Colony, leaving their arms with their relatives. So far, about fifty sporting rifles and some two hundred revolvers and other weapons have been handed in to the police. A number of these were souvenirs brought back by ex-Service men, whilst some others, we learn, were Service weapons belonging to ex-officers who have returned to civil life. There are probably many more arms possessed without a permit, and we would take this opportunity of advising any holding such weapons to surrender them without further delay, or they may get into serious trouble. Many Europeans, we fear, own revolvers without having ever applied for a permit. They would be wise to look into this matter.

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Mr. L. Forster has accepted the Chairmanship of the Church of England's Men Society.

Mr. Frederick Mason, the new organist of St. John's Cathedral, is due to leave England on the 20th. instant.

The collection at St. John's Cathedral on September 8th, in aid of the Japanese Relief Fund resulted in a sum of about \$300 being raised.

The passengers leaving by the Empress of Russia included Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hannibal, and the Shanghai interport players.

To-morrow, October 5th, being the 13th anniversary of the establishment of the Portuguese Republic, the Consul General for Portugal will be at home to Government officials, members of the Consular Corps, and the Portuguese community and friends at the Club Lusitano from 11 a.m. to noon.

St. John's Cathedral church body has appointed the Rev. Thomas Bertram Powell, M.A., of Pembroke College, Oxford, at present curate of Mixborough in the diocese of Sheffield, to be assistant Chaplain at the Cathedral. Leaving Oxford at the beginning of the war, Mr. Powell served in the ranks. He was ordained Deacon in 1920. He is probably leaving England in November.

A striking illustration of the relative worthlessness of German marks has come to our notice in the form of an ordinary business letter received by Messrs. Henri Krebs and Co. from Hamburg to which were attached postage stamps to the face value of 200,000 marks. In pre-war times, the postage on such a letter would have been only about ten pence. On the front of the envelope were stamps of one thousand, two thousand and three thousand marks, totalling 50,000 marks, whilst stuck to and clipped on the back were whole sheets of stamps of one thousand and of five hundred marks each. It was truly a remarkable envelope, and is, we understand, now on view at the Engineers' Institute.

GYMKHANA TIMES.**THIS MORNING'S GALLOPS.**

Some interesting gallops were done this morning at Happy Valley in preparation for the coming Gymkhana. These were carried out on the grass track, and the going was good. Below are the times:

Ping Pong. 33.3; 1.08.2; 1.41; last quarter, 32.3.
Petrol King. 37.1; 1.11; 1.44.2; 1.4.32.
Wombat. 37.4; 1.14; 1.46.4; 1.4.34.
Yellow Hammer. 37.2; 1.12.2; 1.47.4; 1.4.33.2.
White Star Dahlia and Clover. Leaf. 32.3; 1.05; 1.40; 1.4.35.
Silva plana. 32.4; 1.04.2; 1.36.2; 1.4.32.
Country Mouse and West River. 35.4; 1.09.2; 1.42; 1.4.32.4.
Silva. 35.2; 1.10.2; 1.46.3; 2.22.2; 1.4.35.4.
Starland. 37.1; 1.13.1; 1.49.1; 2.21.3; 1.4.32.2.
Gold Bill and Roman Pride. 38; 1.14.2; 1.49.2; 2.20.3; 1.4.31.1.
Yellow River and Rivergrass. 36.2; 1.13.2; 1.48.2; 2.21; 1.4.32.3.
Bluebottle. 39.4; 1.12.2; 1.45; 1.4.32.3.
Diadem Dahlia and Orient Dahlia. 41; 1.20; 1.57.1; 2.32.2; 3.04; 1.4.31.3.
Silver Bill. 37.1; 1.11.2; 1.45; 1.4.33.3.
Roman Sparrow. 35.2; 1.08.1; 1.42.4; 1.4.34.3.
Imbros and Gambler. 46.4; 1.24.2; 2.00; 2.32.2; 1.4.32.2.
Dandy Kid. 37.3; 1.11.2; 1.46.3; 1.4.35.1.
Maine and Discard. 35.4; 1.12; 1.45.1; 1.4.33.1.
Sharpshooter. 36.4; 1.11.4; 1.44.2; 1.4.32.3.
Henry VIII. 35.3; 1.12; 1.48.1; 2.20; 1.4.31.4.
Bandicoot and Arizona. 36.3; 1.10.4; 1.43.3; 1.4.32.4.

EMPIRE'S NEED OF CO-OPERATION.**DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE REVIEWS THE CASE.**

Hongkong's Favoured Position.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 3. The Imperial Conference met for two and a half hours to-day, being chiefly occupied with the statement by the Duke of Devonshire on the progress and development of the Crown Colonies and mandated territories. Speeches were made by the Dominions delegates on the subject. The Conference agreed to a system of publicity, but it is understood that Marquess Curzon's statement on foreign policy on Friday will not be published.

The Duke of Devonshire emphasised that the moral and material progress and development of the Colonies, Protectorates, and mandated territories was increasingly important to all the partners in the British Empire. The Colonial Office constantly endeavoured to foster the interest of the Dominions in this matter, and to stimulate inter-Imperial trade. The Colonies and Protectorates were still suffering from trade depression, but were generally pulling through the financial position. Some of the smaller Colonies were a constant source of anxiety, but there were indications that the larger tropical areas for which the Colonial Office was responsible were recovering; but much remained to be done before the trade of the Colonies became satisfactory, and we must look to inter-Imperial trade to regain at least part of the ground lost during recent years.

Proposals would be submitted to the economic conference with the object of increasing inter-Imperial trade with the tropical possessions, and fostering their development, but the action of the different Governments must be reinforced by private capital and enterprise. The Ronald-Hay committee was exploring this All-Important aspect of the question.

He anticipated that the British Empire Exhibition would open the eyes of the world to the tremendous material resources of the British Empire.

After reviewing the progress of the Colonies, the Protectorates and mandated territories, since the last Imperial Conference, the Duke of Devonshire concluded by saying he would welcome any advice or counsel from any delegate in handling the large, complex responsibilities of the Colonial Office.

Continuing, the Duke of Devonshire said he was glad to be able to report that the economic depression in Malaya, especially in tin and rubber, seemed to be passing. The revenue had improved, and the financial stringency had to some extent been relieved. He pointed out that the ten million loan had entirely been applied to Malay States purposes. The Straits Settlements itself had emerged from a severe period of adversity without having to borrow for its own purposes.

Of all parts of the Empire, Hongkong had probably emerged from the recent acute trade depression with the least loss or suffering, owing to the fact that as the entrepot for South China she had profited from every branch of the huge and varied export trade of China as well as its European imports. It was also true that the political unrest in China had diverted much wealth and capital to this neighbouring British Colony, in which the merchants and well-to-do classes of China had implicit confidence.

GERMAN CABINET RESIGNS.**OWING TO PARTY DIFFERENCES.**

Berlin, October 3. The resignation of the whole Cabinet is expected as the result of the Socialist fraction rejecting by 61 to 54 votes a compromise put forward with a view to compensating the differences of the coalition groups.

The Cabinet has resigned.

Berlin, later.

Berlin, October 3. President Ebert has charged Herr Stresemann to form a new Cabinet.

THE K.K.K. IN OKLAHOMA.**ATTEMPT TO IMPEACH THE GOVERNOR.**

Oklahoma City, October 3. Upon the application of counsel for Governor Walton, the State Court has issued an order restraining the Election Board from certifying the returns of the special election held yesterday in the interests of the Ku-Klux-Klan with a view to convening legislature for the purpose of impeaching the Governor. Counsel alleges that the election was illegal. Oklahoma City is again guarded by State troops.

DESIRE FOR "SETTLED ADMINISTRATION."**CHINA'S COMMISSION ON FINANCE.**

London, October 3. The directors of the British-Chinese Corporation entertained to dinner Mr. Boothby, engineer-in-chief of the Canton-Kowloon railway, who is returning to China. Sir Charles Addis, presiding, cited as an indication of the growing desire of China for a settled administration the Chinese Government's appointment of an influential commission to make proposals regarding the financial situation.

ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. LAWS.**PRESIDENT TO CONFER WITH GOVERNORS.**

Washington, October 3. The White House has invited the Governors of all States in the Union to visit Mr. Coolidge on October 20th with regard to the law enforcement, especially as regards the immigration, prohibition and anti-narcotic statutes.

PANAMA-CANAL SCANDAL RECALLED.

Paris, October 3. The death has occurred of Charles De Lesseps, administrator of the Suez Canal Company, and son of Ferdinand De Lesseps. Both were sentenced to five years' imprisonment in 1892 in connection with the Panama Canal failure. Charles was released a few months later, and resided in England for three years owing to the feeling against him in France.

BROKEN HILL PUT IN THE SHADE.

Brisbane, October 3. A recent silver-lead find at Cloncurry is described as "fabulously rich. The outcrop extends five miles. Assays have proved sensational, showing two thousand ounces of silver to the ton, with 50 to 60 per cent of lead.

HONGKONG'S BUDGET.

(Continued from Page 1.)
directed to the reduction of the poppy in those countries, but we cannot so deal with the opium which is now being produced in China in such enormous quantities that it can be sold here at a mere fraction of the price which we charge for Government opium.

So long as China continued to grow opium in great quantities there was no prospect of our being able to abandon the Government monopoly.

THE LAND BOOM.
Referring to the enormous demand for land, His Excellency said it was agreed on all sides that this demand was the direct result of the unfortunate dissections in South China. It was by no means a healthy development and, useful though we found the large sums which accrued from land sales in present circumstances, we should be glad to see a falling off in the demand if it meant that money were flowing back into the channels of legitimate trade.

"There can be no doubt that this boom in land cannot last indefinitely," said His Excellency. "The question is whether it will end during the coming year. The end may come for two reasons. Order may be restored in the neighbouring provinces of China and trade may resume its normal course. This is what we all hope may happen but, if on the other hand, the present deplorable state of disorder continues it cannot be long before Southern China reaches a stage of complete exhaustion, with the result not only that no more Chinese money will seek investment in Hongkong, but that the prosperity of this Colony, whose interests are indissolubly bound up with those of its neighbour, will suffer a severe check. Optimistic and pessimistic views alike, therefore, lead us to place the revenue from land sales in 1924 at a considerably lower figure than will be realised in 1923."

MILITARY LANDS.
Ending his speech, His Excellency said: "In conclusion, I would refer to that perennial and troublesome subject of discussion the Military Lands. This question is still, I regret to say, unsettled, but I believe that there is now a real prospect of an early solution. In the spring of last year an agreement was come to between the Government and the local Military Authorities as to the value of the lands to be surrendered, but while the matter was still under consideration at the War Office, the land boom supervened, and for the time being values have risen greatly. In these circumstances the Army Council have decided that the figures need further consideration, and they have accordingly sent out Sir John Oakley, an eminent authority on such matters, to investigate the situation. Sir John Oakley arrived recently and every facility is being given him to pursue his enquiries. If a price is fixed which the Colony finds itself able to accept, a commencement will forthwith be made with the building of barracks at Gun Club Hill for the British battalion, and as soon as these barracks are ready, Murray Barracks and Murray Parade Ground will be handed over to the Colony. I feel now, what I confess I have never felt before, that I am not taking too optimistic a view in thinking that my term of office may be marked by the removal of this serious obstacle to the proper development of the City of Victoria."

CAPTAIN SUES OWNER.

COUNTER-CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO SHIP.

Captain J. Watson, master mariner, residing at the Hongkong Hotel, brought an action against Mr. H.M.H. Nemaze, shipowner and merchant, of 1, Des Vaux Road Central, in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, claiming damages for wrongful dismissal. Plaintiff claimed three months' salary at £45 per month, £225, at £19 exchange, £255.14; and £225, at £2 exchange, £225, being \$1,446.42 in all. The sum of \$1,446.42 was waived to bring the claim within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

Mr. Nemaze counterclaimed against Captain Watson for \$2,000 damages for injury to the s.s. Gorgistan, due to the alleged negligence of Capt. Watson as master in colliding with the s.s. Changchow in Swatow on June 12th, 1923. In the counterclaim \$1,500 was waived to bring the case within the Courts jurisdiction.

Mr. B. E. A. Webster represented plaintiff and the defence was conducted by Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

Mr. Webster, outlining plaintiff's case, said Captain Watson had been in Mr. Nemaze's service since February, 1920, occupying many posts from third officer upwards. Capt. Watson joined the Gorgistan in February, 1921, as chief officer, and became master in May, 1922, on September 3rd, this year, plaintiff received a note as follows: "I am instructed by Mr. Nemaze to suspend you from your command for the time being." In consequence of that note, Mr. Webster continued, plaintiff sought out Mr. Nemaze as he wanted to know whether he was suspended with or without pay. Defendant turned Capt. Watson out of his office, telling him that before he was not dismissed, but now he was dismissed. Mr. Webster submitted that that was not a proper dismissal and that Watson was entitled to three months' notice.

Continuing, Mr. Webster said plaintiff wrote to Mr. Nemaze, claiming his wages. He received a reply stating that defendant could not see his way to pay him three months' salary. If Capt. Watson would refer to the letter of Sept. 3rd, the latter went on, he would see that he had only been suspended from his command. His subsequent dismissal was only due to his disrespectful behaviour.

Captain Watson gave evidence in support of Mr. Webster's opening statement and then Mr. Macnamara put Mr. Nemaze into the box. The defence was that Capt. Watson was properly dismissed for long protracted acts of negligence, or, alternatively, that he was dismissed under the articles, which, the defence claimed, enabled any person on the ship to be dismissed at twenty-four hours' notice.

A fuller report of the case, which has had to be held over, will appear in tomorrow's issue.

SIR H. BARKER AND
"SIN BATHS."

Sir Herbert Barker, the famous bonesetter, has been carrying out some personal experiments in regard to the therapeutic value of sun bathing in Jersey. In order to experiment under ideal conditions he is said to be negotiating for the purchase of one of the Desert Islands off Madeira. They are uninhabited except for wild goats and seals and enjoy a perfect climate.

THE GOLFER'S PSALM.

BY BERTON BRALEY.

Though my score set down in numbers
Is a horror and a scream,
Yet at times within my slumber
Of an '85 I dream.

Lives of champions remind us
If we strive and strive some more,
We may some day leave behind us
Something like a decent score.

If we're slicing and we're hooking
Who shall know if sometimes, when
Our opponent isn't looking,
We count eight instead of ten?

Golf is real, golf is earnest,
And a bogie is our goal,
Oh the joy when thou returnest
Victor from the eighteenth hole!

Let us then be up and doing,
As true golfers always are,
Still our aim in life pursuing
Till we make a round in par!

LOCAL RADIO.

Chance for Listeners-in.

Following the recent radio demonstration at the offices of the Hongkong Telegraph, the Hongkong Hotel Company has continued its experiments, and we understand that every night at 6 o'clock something in the nature of test broadcasting is being carried out. Amateurs with small receiving sets will no doubt make a note of this fact, and listen-in. On Sundays at 11 a.m. there will also be some appropriate broadcasting.

For the guidance of the Hongkong Hotel Company in arranging future programmes, local amateurs who pick up the broadcasting are asked to send a card either to the Manager of the Hotel's Electric Department or to the editor of the Hongkong Telegraph. It will thus be possible to get some idea of the size of the audience.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, Sept. 3.—Five draws three of them scoreless, the establishment of West Bromwich at the top of the League table, and the retention by Arsenal, after four successive defeats, of the cellar position, were some of the features of the first division association football games played in the United Kingdom this afternoon. Sheffield United was able to equalise with Newcastle on the Northumberland grounds, while at the same time registering two goals against the Northerners. The victory of Notts County over Huddersfield enabled the former to leap from the Yorkshire men and place them fourth in the league standing.

Unbeaten Teams.
Four teams are as yet unbeaten, West Bromwich, Cardiff City, Newcastle United and Notts County, while at the end of the line the clubs that have yet to acquire their first victory are Burnley, Preston North End and Woolwich Arsenal. In the Scottish League the feature game was that between the county rivals, Glenhead and Hibernia of Midlothian, at Easter Road, the former's territory. This resulted in a draw.

The defeat of Partick Thistle by Motherwell on home ground was a surprise.

Addie continued to lead the table with four victories and one draw. The club, with Rangers and Aberdeen, who draw today with Ayr United, is unbeaten. The last named and Third Lanark have not yet won a match.

Summary of results:
English League—First Division.
Birmingham 0 Sunderland 2
Burnley 2 Notts 1
Chelsea 0 Aston Villa 0
Everton 0 Blackburn 0
Manchester 1 Bolton 1
Newcastle 2 Sheffield 2
Notts 1 Huddersfield 2
Preston N. E. 0 Liverpool 1
Tottenham 2 Middlesboro 1
West Brom 1 Woolwich Ar. 0
West Ham 0 Cardiff 0

English League—Second Division.
Bury 2 Manchester 1
Coventry 0 Bristol 0
Crystal Palace 1 Fulham 1
Derby 0 Clapton 0
Hull City 2 Nelson 1
Leicester 2 Leeds 1
Oldham 0 Bradford 0
Sheffield 1 Southampton 1
St. Shields 2 Barnsley 0
Stockport 0 Port Vale 0
Stoke 2 Blackpool 2

Third Division—Southern.
Brentford 2 Luton 1
Bristol R. 2 Brighton 0
Charlton 1 Merthyr 0
Exeter 0 Bournemouth 2
Newport 0 Southend 0
Norwich 0 Plymouth 1
Portsmouth 1 Reading 1
Swansea 2 2 Northampton 1
Swindon 0 Q'n's Park 0
Watford 1 Gillingham 0
Aberdare 1 Millwall 1

Third Division—Northern.
Accrington 0 N. Brighton 0
Bradford 4 Rochdale 2
Chesterfield 2 Doncaster 1
Crewe Alex. 0 Walsley 2
Darlington 5 Hartlepool 0
Durham 0 Walsall 0
Halifax 1 Grimsby 3
Lincoln 4 Barrow 1
Rotherham 2 Wrexham 1
Tranmere 1 Southport 1
Wiganboro 1 Ashington 1
Kings Park 4 Loughelly 0
Vale 0 Johnstone 1

Scottish League—First Division.
Ayr 0 1 Aberdeen 1
Clyde 0 1 Kilmarnock 1
Clydebank 0 Falkirk 1
Dundee 1 Th. Lanark 0
Hamilton 0 Raith Rovers 2
Hibernians 1 1 Hearts 1

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St. Mirren	0	Airdrieonians	1	Old Country Rugby.			
Second Division.				London, Sept. 5.—Football			
Albion Rov.	1	Dunfermline	2	games played under the Rugby			
Alloa	0	Dumbarton	2	Union rules in the Old Country			
Arbroath	2	Armadale	1	this afternoon produced the follow-			
Eastgate	2	Broxburn	1	ing decisions:			
Dons	2	Forfar	1	Leicester	14	Plymouth	5
Cowdenbeath	1	St. Johnstone	1	Bath	3	Aberavon	4
E. Fife	2	St. Bernards	0	Gloucester	43	Lydney	12
Stenhouse M.	3	Dundee H.	0	Cardiff	12	Bridgend	5
Kings Park	4	Lochgelly	0	Neath	20	Pontypridd	0
Vale Leren	0	Johnstone	1	Pontypool	22	Bargod	2
Irish League.				Ebbwvale	6	Phil Harriers	6
Belfast, Sept. 8.—Results of				Birmingham	24	Stratford-on-	0
Irish League games this afternoon				Avon			
follow:				Cross Keys			
Linsfield	2	Distilleries	1	1			
Wakefield	0	Headingley	6	0			
Darm	0	8 Larne	1	Asman United			
				0 Llanelli			



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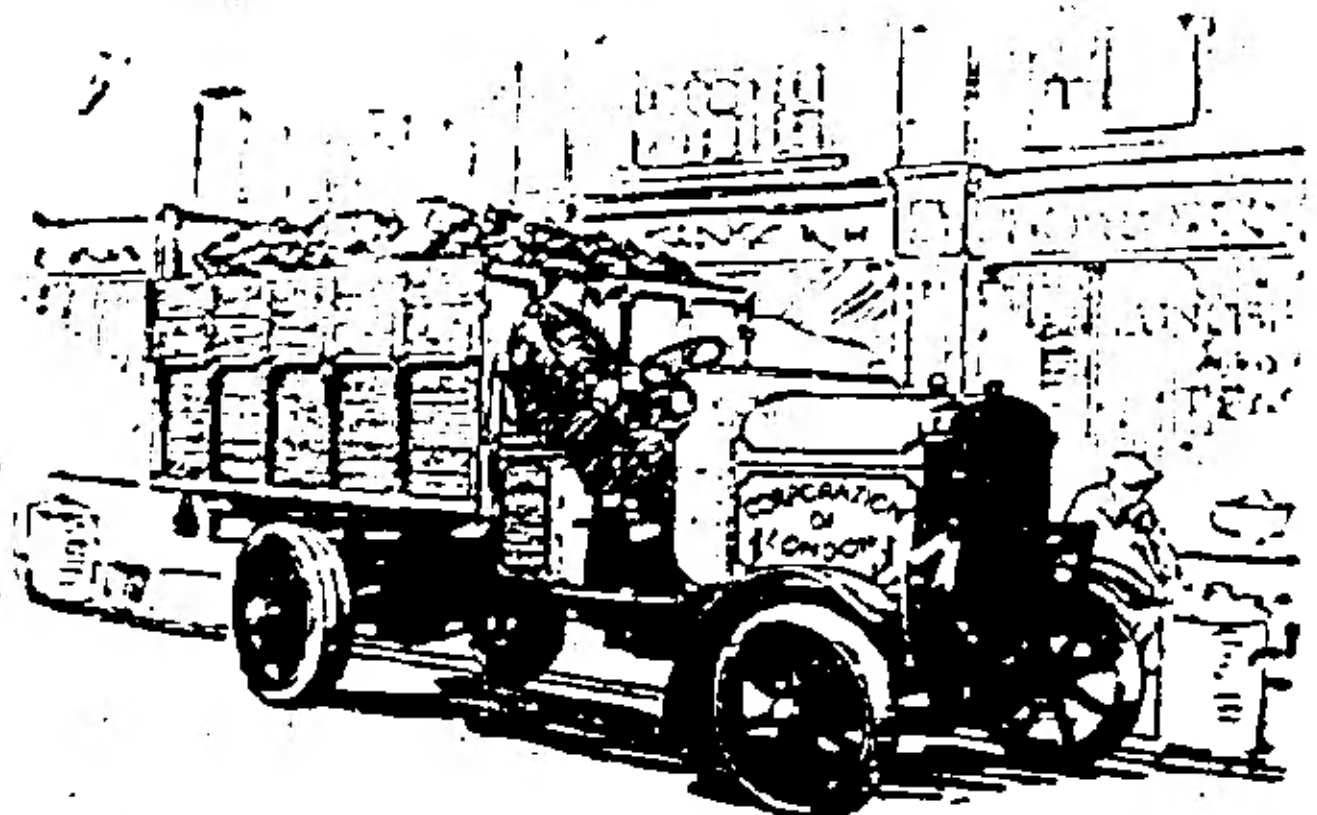
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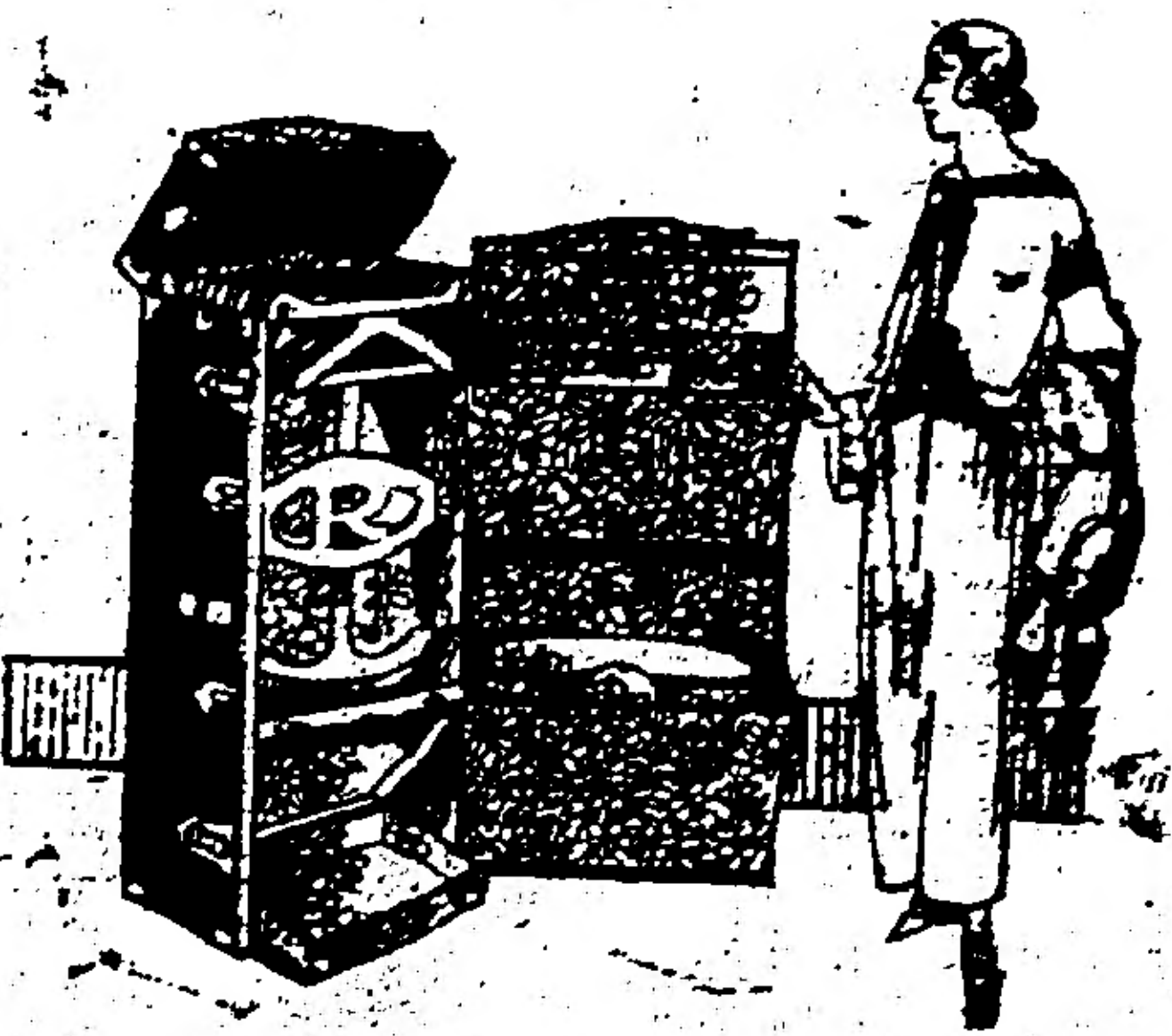
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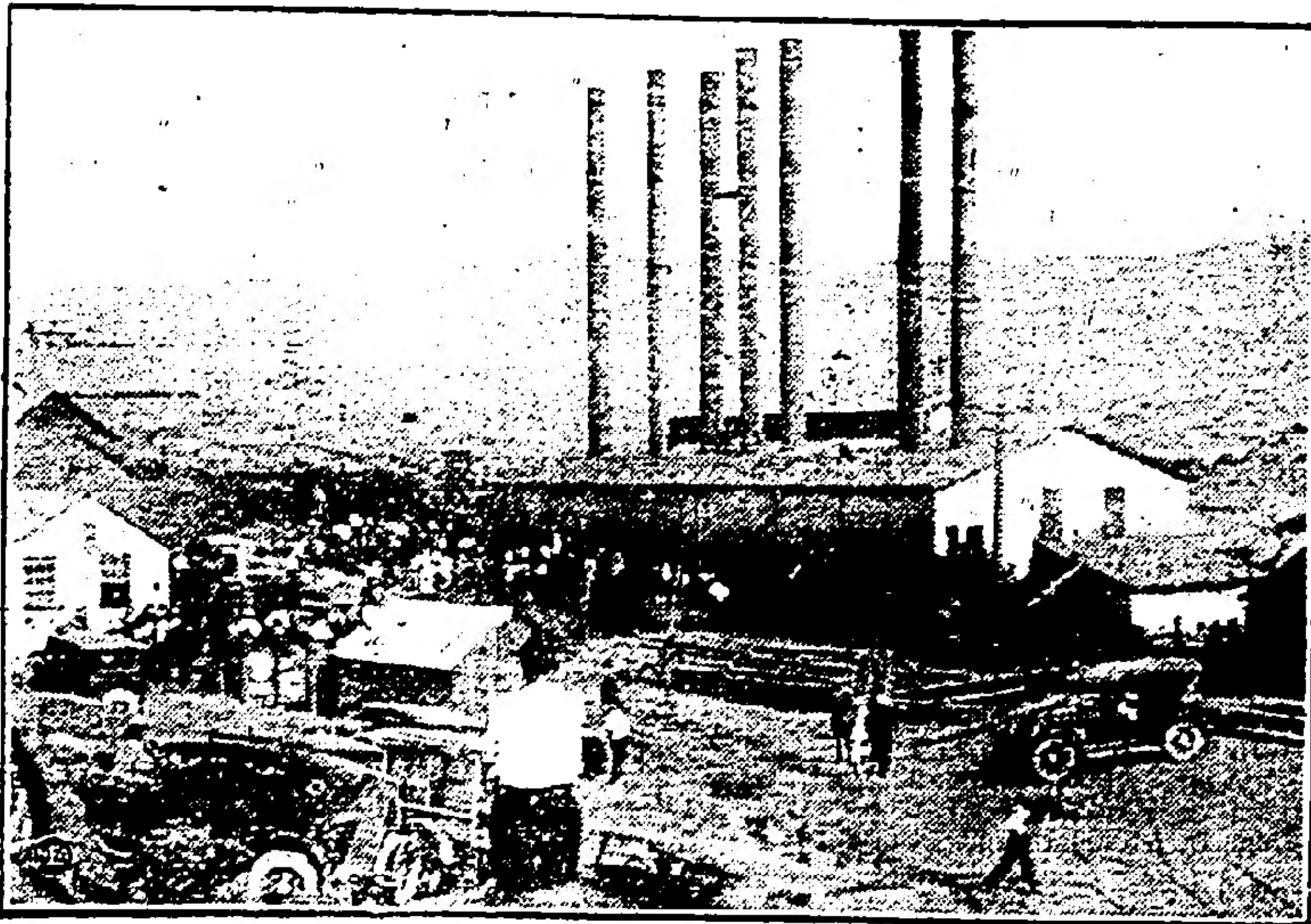
Fortunato Catalon, Filipino sprinter, shaking hands with Prince Chichibu of Japan.



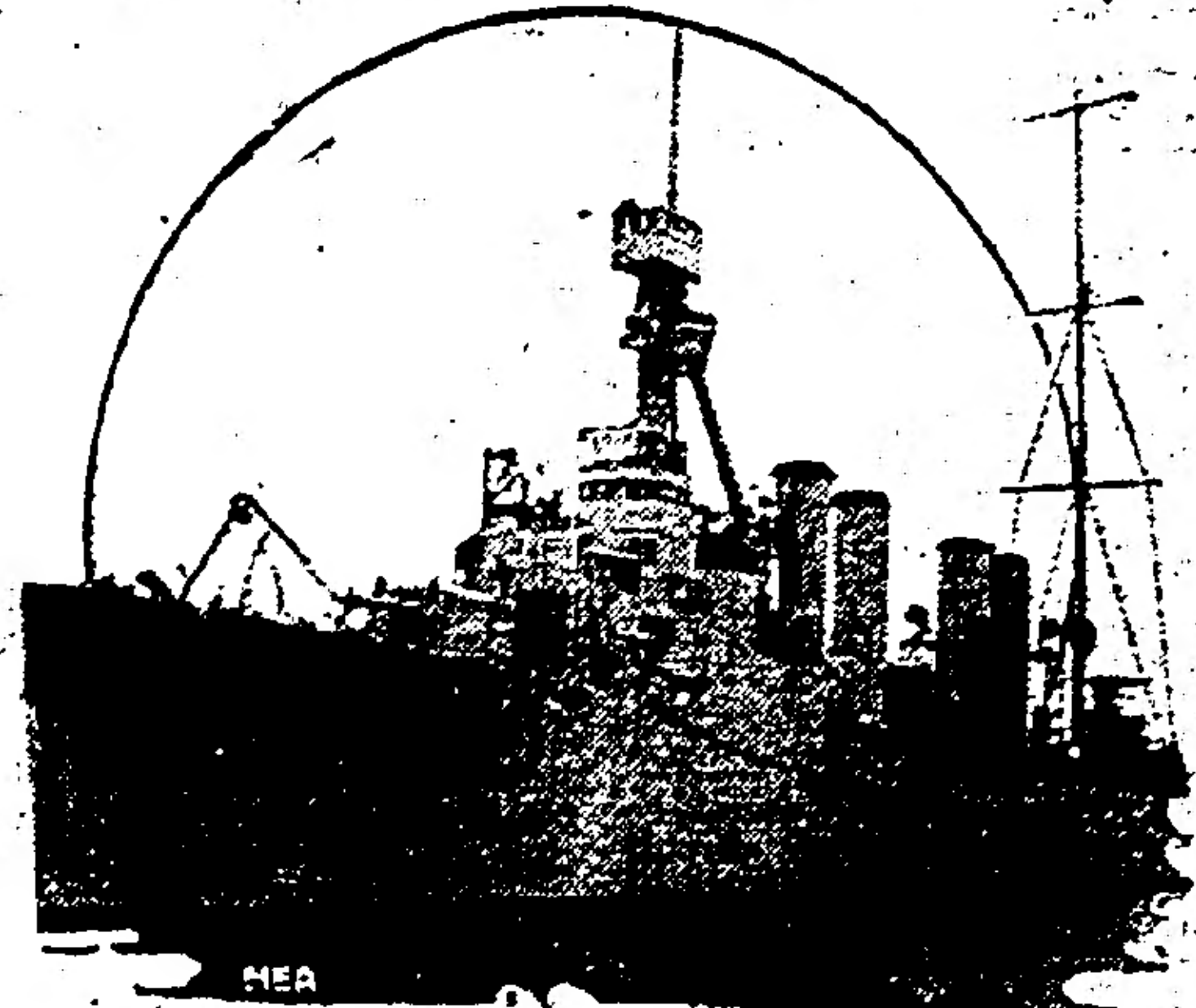
Charlie Chaplin likes to get away from the glare of studio lights now and then and go fishing. He caught this monster near Los Angeles recently.



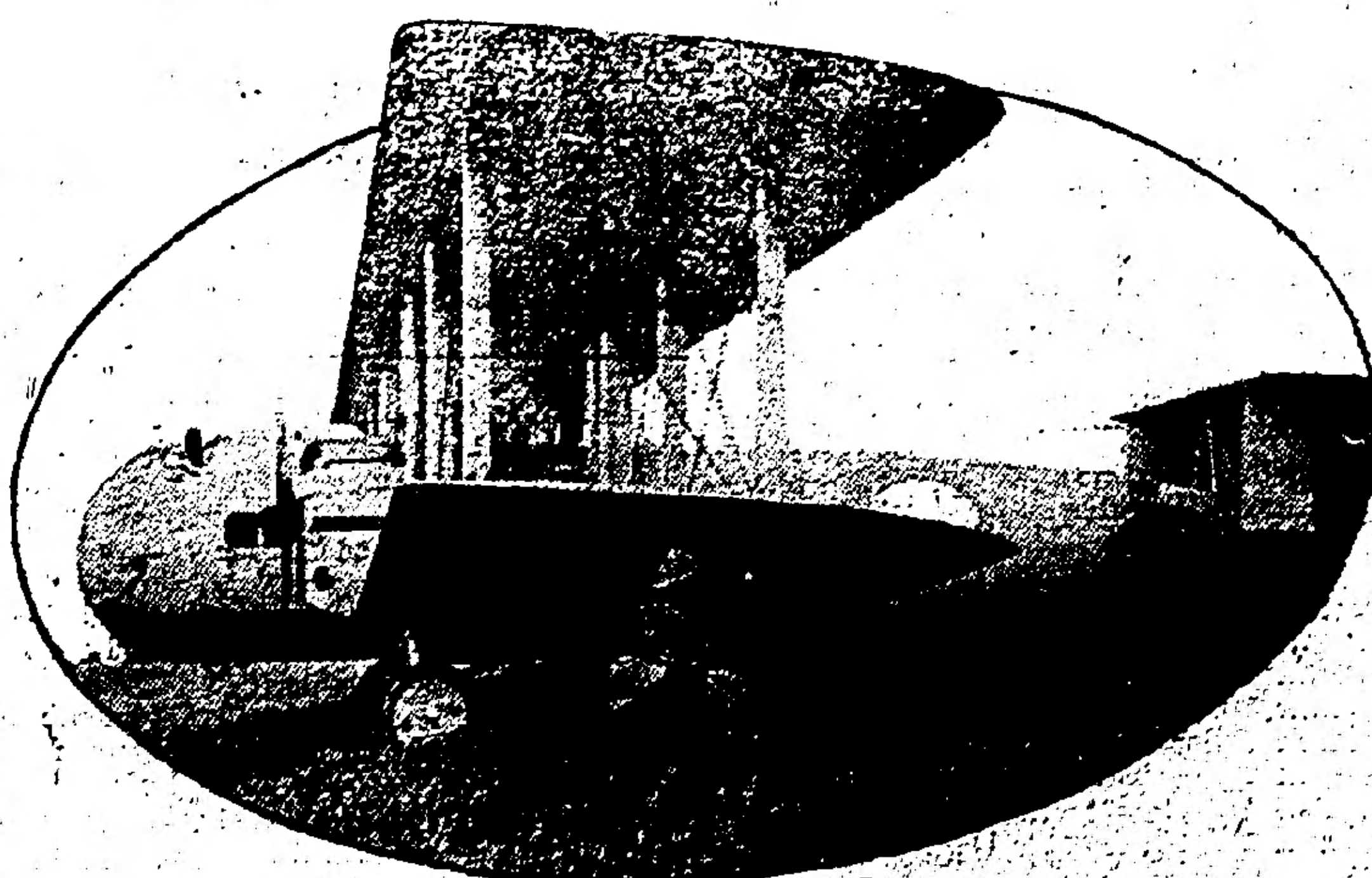
This unusual photograph of President Coolidge was taken as his features broke in a wide smile at his first conference with Washington newspaper correspondents.



Ninety-seven men were killed and 37 rescued alive when an explosion rocked Frontier Mine No. 1 at Frontier, near Kemmerer, Wyoming. Photo shows scene outside the mine during the rescue work.



Here's the newest member of the American Navy—the scout cruiser Detroit. The scout cruiser is the fastest of America's capital ships, and the Detroit is the speediest scout cruiser.



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Margaret Coray, 30 months old, who won a beauty contest of 1200 babies at Utah recently.

SHIPPING NEWS

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day.

Vessels Arrived.

Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Arcturion	W. & A.	London	10
Chakong	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	11
Kingman	H. & S.	Swatow	12
Managosa	H. & S.	Swatow	13
Phibet M.	M. & N.	Swatow	14
Four-bay M.	H. & S.	Swatow	15
Barho M.	H. & S.	Swatow	16

Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Socorro	H. & S.	Swatow	4th Oct.
Cocoon M.	S. & Y.	Swatow	4th Oct.
Calcutta M.	N. & Y.	Swatow	4th Oct.
Tusan	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	4th Oct.
Emp. of Korea	C. & S. Ltd.	Swatow	4th Oct.
Prva Jackson	U. S. & L.	Swatow	4th Oct.
South-bay M.	U. S. & L.	Swatow	4th Oct.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK EXCHANGE	SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION
H.K. & S. Bank	1100
Chartered Bank	218
P. & O. Bank	212
Bank of E. Asia	105
Mercantile Bank "A"	229
Mercantile Bank "C"	212
Canal	645
North China	1140
Union	232
Yangtze	27
China Fire	130
H.K. Fire	500
Douglas	60
H.K. Steamship	43
India	38
India Def. Lon. Reg.	17
India Def. H.K. Reg.	127
Shells	72
Ferries	54
H.K. Tugs	1
China Sugar	220
Malacca	61
Kajima	64
Langkat Combined	35
Banks	29
Tromba	15
Ural Caspian	15
Benzel Consolid.	15
H.K. Wharves	158
K. Docks	158
Shanghai Docks	95
N. East Asiatic	7.20
Shanghai Hongkong	198
H.K. Hotels	28.80
H.K. Hotels New	28.80
H.K. Lands New Reg.	23
H.K. Lands	23
Kowloon Lands	2.50
H.K. Realty	2.50
Princess Bldg.	125
Evo Cottons	131
Oriental Cottons	5.10
Shanghai Cottons	85
Cement	26
China Light	14.85
China Light New	14.70
China Portland	24
Dairy Farms	23
Electric H.K.	32
Electric Macao	38
Hongkong Tramways	39
Hongkong Tramways	23
Peak Tram	15
Peak Tram New	2
Steel Foundries	162
Water-borne	172
Watsons	22
Wm. Powells	172
Land Crawford	172
Clanton Iron	9.80
H.K. Construction	4.35
Taxis	4.60
Sincere	12
Mackintosh	24
Nanyang Tob.	22

EXCHANGE.

SELLING	CLOSING RATE	SELLING	CLOSING RATE
T/T Demand	2/3	4 m/s. Mare	1/2
30 d/s Demand	2/3 1/2	4 m/s. France	9/5
60 d/s Demand	2/3 1/2	Demand, Germany	9/5
4 m/s. Demand	2/3	Demand, New York	9/5
T/T Shanghai	10 1/2	T/T Bombay	1/2
T/T Singapore	9 1/2	Demand, Bombay	1/2
T/T Japan	10 1/2	T/T Calcutta	1/2
T/T India	10 1/2	Demand, Calcutta	1/2
Demand India	10 1/2	On Yokohama	10 1/2
T/T San Francisco	10 1/2	Demand, Manila	10 1/2
Yokohama	10 1/2	Demand, Singapore	10 1/2
T/T Java	10 1/2	Demand, Batavia	10 1/2
T/T Manila	10 1/2	On Haiphong	10 1/2
T/T France	8 7/8	On Bangkok	10 1/2
Demand, Paris	8 7/8	Gold per Tael	42.90
Bar Silver	15 1/2	Bar Silver	15 1/2
4 m/s. L/C	2/4 1/2	Bank of England	15 1/2
4 m/s. D/P	2/4 1/2	New York	15 1/2
6 m/s. L/C	2/4 1/2	Bank of London	15 1/2
30 d/s Sydney and Melbourne	2/4 1/2		

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cent pieces	1/4 p.m.
10	1/2 p.m.
5	1/4 p.m.
Canton sub. coins	1/2 p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

From	Per	Due
Bangkok	Salafu	4th Oct.
Europe via Fuzhou	Salafu	4th Oct.
London 6th Sept. & Parcel 28th	Salafu	4th Oct.
Manila	Salafu	4th Oct.
Australia & Manila	Salafu	4th Oct.
Shanghai	Salafu	4th Oct.
Strait	Salafu	4th Oct.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Salafu	4th Oct.
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BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

Authorised Capital £50,000,000

Paid-up Capital £20,000,000

Reserve Funds:

Sterling £4,500,000

Silver £24,500,000

Reserve Liability of

Proprietors £20,000,000

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong (about)	Destination
MANTIA	10,902	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way
SOUJAN	6,686	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way
KARNALA	9,098	19th Oct.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way
CALEDONIA	7,622	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way
VELLORE	6,853	23rd Nov.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way
SICILIA	6,813	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TAKADA	6,849	5th Oct.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way
TORILLA	5,205	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Peking, Cebu & B'way

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	5th Oct.	Manila, S'at, Thursday 1st
ST. ALBANS	4,500	2nd Nov.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
EASTERN	4,000	1st Dec.	Sydney & Melbourne

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

HALWA	10,941	15th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TORILLA	5,205	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
SOFAA	5,581	19th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	21st Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	5,002	23rd Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

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Passengers Messing not more than 25ft. x 25ft. x 12ft. will be received in the Company's Office upon arrival on the day previous to sailing.

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K. STRAITS, CHINA & JAPAN Service.

OUTWARDS	HOMEWARDS
Vessel	Vessel
Due Hongkong	Leaves Hongkong
CARMARTHENSHIRE 10th Oct.	PEMBROKESHIRE 2nd Oct.
GLENAMORY 22nd Oct.	GLENLUCE 10th Oct.
GLENAMORY 1st Nov.	GLENLUCE 10th Oct.
GLENAMORY 15th Nov.	GLENLUCE 10th Oct.

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SERVICES CONTRACTS

Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. arr. at H'kong and Sailing for S'hai & Japan	Pro. Sailing from H'kong for M'les
CORDILLERE			16th Oct.
ANGERS	7th Sept.	19th Oct.	30th Oct.
CHILI	24th Sept.	24th Oct.	13th Nov.
PORRHOS	5th Oct.	7th Nov.	27th Nov.
ANGKOR	19th Oct.	22nd Nov.	11th Dec.
CHAMBERD			25th Dec.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES.

(including Table Wine and first Doctor's attendance)
A-Class 1st Class £250.00 B-Class 1st Class £200.00
Steamers 2nd Class £200.00 Steamers 2nd Class £200.00

Through Tickets to London and Leading Towns of Europe.

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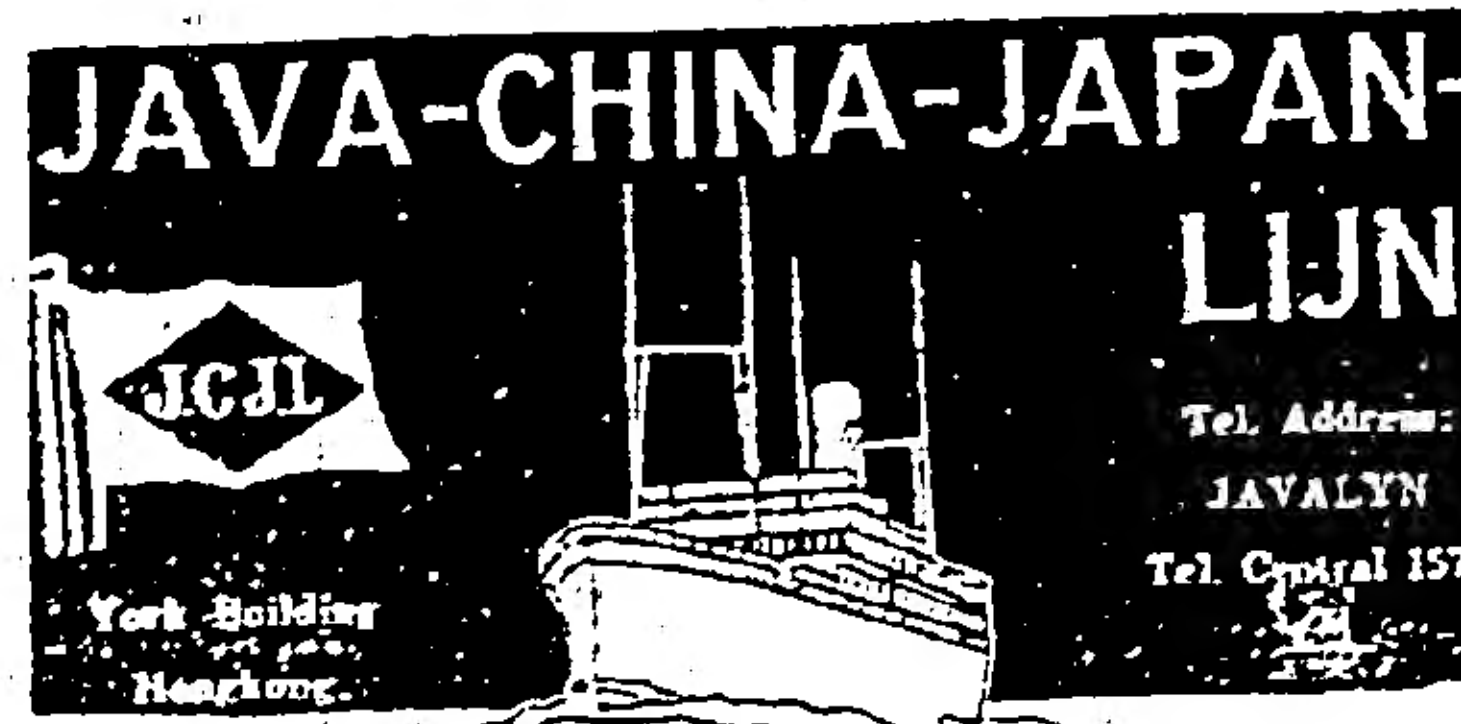
LIGNE COMMERCIALES (CARGO-BEATS)
S.S. C. P. LECOQ heading for Alger, Oran, Havre, Antwerp, Dunkirk about 10th Oct. and may eventually call at Liverpool, Valencia, Casablanca, Bordeaux, Rotterdam (if sufficient inducement offers).

Also through Bills Lading issued to H'kong, Rangoon & Riga.

For full particulars apply to: Messageries Maritimes, Co.

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REGULAR FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tijpanas	Java	In port	5th Oct.	Saigon
Celebes	Java	In port		
Tijsondari	N. China	4th Oct.	6th Oct.	Muntok, Batavia
Tijkarang	Java	6th Oct.	7th Oct.	Japan
Tijiwong	Japan	11th Oct.	13th Oct.	M'sar & S'haia

The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia.

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Through passage rates to Europe via America G. \$405. G. \$420. G. \$440.

KAGA MARU Monday, 15th Oct. at 11 a.m.

IYO MARU Thursday, 4th Nov. at 11 a.m.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, etc.

HAKODAKI MARU Monday, 8th Oct. at 4 p.m.

HAKUSAN MARU Monday, 22nd Oct. at 4 p.m.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

MATSUMOTO MARU Sunday, 7th Nov.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

LYONS MARU Wednesday, 31st Oct.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.

YOSHINO MARU Wednesday, 17th Oct. at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 14th Nov.

NEW YORK and BOSTON via PANAMA.

TOBA MARU Wednesday, 17th Oct.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU Thursday, 25th Oct.

ROMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SABO MARU Friday, 12th Oct.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

AWA MARU Monday, 8th Oct.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Thursday, 11th Oct.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TOBA MARU Tuesday, 9th Oct.

KAMO MARU Saturday, 13th Oct.

WAKASA MARU Tuesday, 16th Oct.

SABO MARU Tuesday, 23rd Oct.

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Steamer	Arrives Hongkong from Australia	Leave H'kong for Manila, Sandakan and Aust. Ports
TAIWAN	6th Oct.	11th Oct.

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Subject to alteration.

City of Lincoln 12th Oct. Marseilles, London & Hamburg.

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City of Karachi 21st Oct. Shanghai & Kobe.

City of Karachi 27th Nov. Marseilles & London.

City of Paris 2nd Jan. Ditto.

City of Canterbury 21st Feb. Ditto.

City of York 30th Mar. Ditto.

City of Cairo 15th Apr. Ditto.

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COAST SHIPPING.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailings
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Waishang	Fri. 5th Oct. at d'light.
MANILA	Wingsang	Fri. 5th Oct. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Hoihow	Chunsang	Sat. 6th Oct. at 9 a.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Leisang	Sat. 6th Oct. at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Sat. 6th Oct. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Chaksang	Tues. 8th Oct. at noon.
TTAO via S'hai & S'hai	Yusang	Wed. 10th Oct. at d'light.
TIENTSIN	Chipsang	Wed. 10th Oct. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwongsang	Fri. 12th Oct. at d'light.
KOBE & Moji	Fooksang	Sat. 13th Oct. at noon.
TTAO via S'hai & S'hai	Tungshing	Wed. 17th Oct. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Hosang	Thurs. 18th Oct. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Sat. 20th Oct. at 3 p.m.

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Haichong	W. C. Pasmore	FRI. 5th Oct. at 1 p.m.
Haifong	Ellis Walker	TUES. 9th Oct. at 1 p.m.

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into the hazardous and/or extra

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Godown Co. at Kowloon, and

stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce

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Exports, Hongkong, before Bills

of Lading will be counter-

signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged

cargo is to be left in the godowns

where it will be examined at

10 a.m. on October, 6th at the

Company's Surveyors, Messrs.

Anderson and Ashe.

All claims must be presented

within thirty days of the

steamer's arrival here, after

which they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be recognised

after the goods have left the

godowns, and cargo undelivered

on the after Oct. 8th will be

subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever

will be effected.

Consignees are requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for

counter-signature immediately.

United States Shipping Board,

Emergency Fleet Corporation,

Agents,

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.

4, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, Oct. 2nd 1923.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD.

COPENHAGEN.

The M.S.

"CHILE"

having arrived, consignees of

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Godowns of the Hongkong and

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BEREAVED HUSBAND
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Among the passengers arriving on the President Jackson from Shanghai was the Hon. Mr. Sum Nung Au-Young, whose wife was recently killed in Peking through an automobile accident. While serving the Chinese Government as Consul at the Dutch Indies, the Hon. Mr. Au-Young met the late Madame Au-Young of Amsterdam. They both came back to China about a year ago and were married at the Pro-Cathedral of St. John, Shanghai, by Dr. H. Pott, President of St. John University. The Hon. Mr. Hsu Yuen, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai, gave the bride away. The late Madame Au-Young came from a very old Dutch family and was survived by her parents and one elder sister. The remains of Madame Au-Young were cremated at the Japanese crematorium at Peking. On learning of the death of Madame Au-Young, the Netherlands Legation offered its sympathy to the grief-stricken husband and also undertook to send the remains in a small bronze casket to her parents in Holland. It is learned that the Hon. Mr. Au-Young is going abroad for a while to try and regain his health which has been affected by the sudden death of his wife.

LAWN BOWLS.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMI-FINALS.

On the Police Club Bowling Green yesterday evening were played the two semi-final matches for the Lawn Bowls Open Championship of the Colony.

RUSSELL V. WALLACE.
This game opened in rather a straggling manner owing to the dryness of the green. By the time the fourth head was reached however, play had improved. At this stage, Wallace had a lead of two. At the ninth end, the points were level—nine all, Russell then got a three. The next end he added one to his score followed by three the next head again. Continuing, Wallace had a very nice shot, laying one and repeated the performance on the following

PAKHOI NOTES.

THE "WING FUNG"
REAPPEARS.

(Our Own Correspondent)
Pakhoi, Sept. 28.

To-day, during the afternoon, the Chinese cruiser Wing Fung was steaming into the harbour when some guns at the entrance opened fire on her. She exchanged a few shots with them at short range, turned, and steamed away westward out of range, where she cruised about until dark, when she brought her searchlight into use. There are still two Chinese gunboats and one small transport anchored in the harbour, belonging to Chan King-ming, and the searchlight is paying special attention to these.

Limchow city is still holding out against the siege of the Kwansai men. In command of the defences of the city is Leung Yi-hing. This is the man who went personally and recovered Mr. Rowson from the bandits; he was formerly a noted bandit chief in this part of the country. There are sad stories of hardship and suffering inside the city. The siege has now been on for over a month.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

AN UNFINISHED MATCH.
Shanghai, October 3rd.—The Interport tennis singles between O. Rumjahn and Okeda was unfinished, owing to failing light. It will be replayed to-morrow.

In an "unofficial" doubles match, S. A. Rumjahn and H. Rumjahn beat Elmore and Lock Wei by 6-4, 7-5, 2-6 and 6-1.
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After that, last year's champion ceased to score, Russell securing another two points and at the last end of the match laying three shots. Result:—Russell 21, Wallace 11. Mr. Grimmit acted as referee in his usually efficient manner.

GREENER V. OMAR.

Omar had the best of a well-fought out game although Greener had very hard luck. Result:—Omar 21, Greener 10. The final match between Russell and Omar will be played off on a Saturday afternoon, the venue and date of which will be shortly decided by the Lawn Bowls Association.

POLO CLUB ENTERTAINS.

NOVEL GAME AFTER
DINNER.

Members of the Polo Club were the hosts at a dinner last night to the visiting Interport players from Shanghai, and among the guests were Sir Wm. and Lady Rees Davies, Maj. Gen. Sir John Fowler, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. A. G. Stephen, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, and Mr. Percy Cox. The toast of the Club's patron, the Prince of Wales, was drunk; and Mr. Boyd proposed the health of the Shanghai team. Mr. McMichael responding.

After the dinner, two teams played a game of polo on the illuminated ground, with a large luminous ball, the opposing sides being riders in black dinner-jackets on grey ponies and riders in white mess-jackets on dark ponies. There was a great deal of merriment, and the white jackets eventually won. The Club house and a portion of the grounds were prettily illuminated.

STAR THEATRE.

"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife"

To-night's programme at the Star is an adaptation by Arthur Wimperis from the French of Alfred Savoir. Mr. Wimperis is reckoned one of the ablest writers of comedy at the present time and proof of the success of the adaptation of "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" lies in the fact that it is still going strong at the Globe Theatre, after a run of many months.

The amusing plot deals with the escapades of an American millionaire in Paris. His marriages and divorces are so frequent that he becomes appropriately dubbed "Bluebeard." Eventually he meets a lady to whom his millions make little appeal, however, and it is upon the by-play between the two that the plot turns.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Oct. 4d. 11h. 45m.—Pressure has increased considerably at Vladivostok and moderately at slightly at the majority of other reporting stations. The anticyclone is moving eastward.

The Guam typhoon continues to move slowly northward.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 88.18 inches, against an average of 76.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast.
1 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh.
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocks	N.E. winds, moderate; fair.
3 H'kong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate; fair.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
H.K. Observatory, Oct. 4, 1923.

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